



Serving the Communities of Castleton and Marshfield

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Marshfield Community Council Newsletter Winter 2023

Welcome to this third newsletter from Marshfield Community Council (MCC), we hope that you find it informative, outlining the work and activities of the council. Marshfield Village Hall is the venue for our council meetings, all members of the public are very welcome to attend either in person or online, please contact the clerk for link details. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.15pm; the dates for the next 6 months are **February 14th, March 14th, April 11th, May 9th, June 13th and July 11th 2023**. The council currently has 2 vacancies for anyone wishing to carry out an interesting and fulfilling role.

Free Event Newport Transporter Bridge Project



MCC are organising a free event on **Friday 3rd March at 7pm**, for the residents of Marshfield and Castleton. Come and listen to an interactive talk given by Gavin Jones, the Community Engagement Officer for this Heritage Lottery Funded Project. Gavin will bring this subject to life with props from the bridge, a presentation and film of Lord Tredegar opening the bridge in 1906. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be available.

Vandalism at Marshfield Village Hall and Playing Fields

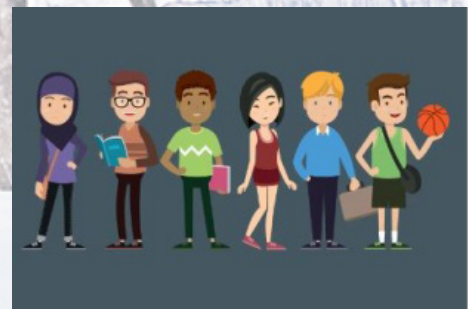
It is very disappointing to have to report that the recently installed dugouts, purchased by MCC for the community, have been vandalised by a thoughtless few. Extensive damage has occurred to both dugouts with the Perspex having been smashed in places. Other damage has been done to The Coffee Shop signs and litter bins have been set on fire. MCC has purchased a new more powerful CCTV camera which has been sited at the top of the village hall and overlooks the playing fields. Evidence for the police will be available if there is any further damage and please contact the police or the council if you have any information regarding this damage.

Call to the Young Members of Our Community

The community council really wants to **engage** with, and **hear** from our younger members of the community to find out what you want in your community. If any young people want to find out more please contact

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or the clerk on the above details.



Newport West Neighbourhood Police Team



This team consists of Sgt Mervyn Priest, PC Ben Ashman, PCSO Michelle Pearson, and PCSO Samantha Davies. PC Val Bryan, a long serving officer, has recently retired and MCC wish him all the best. Police surgeries are held bimonthly at 1pm and will be on **Sundays 5th February, 2nd April, 4th June, 6th August, 1st October and 3rd December**. Please take this opportunity to report any issues or problems in a safe and confidential environment at Marshfield Village Hall.

Scarecrow Festival 2023

Marshfield Community Council and the Marshfield Village Hall Committee are planning to hold a scarecrow festival in 2023. It is hoped that Marshfield Primary School, Guides, Cubs and Scouts and all the community will get behind this event. Full details of this project and when it will be held will be available in the near future.



The Village Coffee Shop



This wonderful community facility continues to be popular with residents; volunteers give their time freely to provide a weekend service at the moment. If volunteering for the coffee shop is something that you would like to know more about then you can call in on any weekend or contact Marshfield Village Hall, MCC or email thevillagecoffeeshopmarshfield@hotmail.com

Litter

This is a plea to all residents to help keep our villages clean and litter free. It does not take much to pick any litter up around front gardens and pavements near your home. Dog fouling on our streets is also a problem; if you walk a dog please make every effort to pick up the mess.



Marshfield Bus Campaign Group



The bus campaign group met with our local city councillors again, on 16th December to progress our appeal for a regular scheduled bus service to be reintroduced in the village. Not unexpectedly, progress is slow and subject to Newport City Council budgetary challenges. However, we have not given up and will keep residents updated as soon as we have some definitive news.

Coronation Celebrations

Community celebrations for the forthcoming Coronation of King Charles III are at the planning stage at present. It is hoped that another 'Picnic in the Park' will take place on Sunday 7th May 2023 along with coordinated activities with St Marys Church and other community groups.



Marshfield Village Hall



To make a booking for the hall please visit www.marshfieldvillagehall.co.uk to check availability and email contact details. Some of the groups using this great venue are Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Bingo, Over 60's Club, Cosy Hands Baby Massage, Jazz Cats and Musical Theatre, Adult Tap Dance, Bowls, Drama Academy, Bonsai and Academy of Steel. The hall is ideal for adult or children's parties.

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